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By the Grace of G-d
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Mr. and Mrs. I. Levitansky
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Sholom u'Brocho:

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I was pleased to learn that you are about to celebrate the 25th anniversary of your wedding. I take this opportunity to wish you both long and happy life together, and that the home which you had set up be everlastingly permeated with love for fellow Jew and the observance of Torah and Mitzvoth and that you carry all this out amid ample Parnoso and affluence.

Marriage is compared in the Torah to the building of a house, and, needless to say, all analogies in the Torah have a profound significance and exactness.

The house represents one of the three principal needs of man, which are: food, clothes and shelter. The cardinal difference between these three categories of human needs is that food has to be consumed frequently, clothes are consumed less frequently, and a house, if well built, lasts a lifetime. On the other hand food is comparatively cheap, clothes more expensive and a house the most expensive of all.

In the analogy between marriage and a house, the same characteristics apply. The couple must invest all they have in the joint venture of marriage in an effort to adjust one's-self to the other fully and completely to the extent of self-sacrifice in some instances, in order to make their edifice a life-lasting happiness.

And, as in the case of building a house, its durability depends on the solidness of its foundation, so in marriage its everlasting happiness depends on its foundations of Torah and Mitzvoth.

I wish you again that your marriage institution, built on the foundations of Torah and Mitzvoth, be everlastingly happy and prosperous.

With the blessing of a joyous and inspiring Yomtov
Shovuoth, and Mazzaltov,

Cordially

M. Schneerson